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Applicants:	Randall W. Nelson et al.	Docket No.:	41821.0238
Serial No.:	09/808,314	Confirmation No.:	3078
Filing Date:	March 14, 2001	Examiner:	Gary W. Counts
Title:	MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY	Art Unit:	1641

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2002, please accept this Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-3, and 15-19 are drawn to a method for simultaneously determining whether a specimen contains any of one or more certain antigen species and a method for simultaneously determining whether a specimen contains any of one or more certain antibody species, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Group II: Claims 4-14 and 20-28, drawn to a method for determining how much of one or more certain antigens are present in a specimen and a method for determining the amount of a certain antibody present in a specimen, classified in class 435, subclass 7.92.

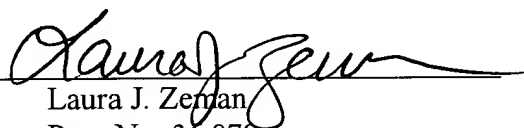
Group III: Claims 29-30, drawn to a method of simultaneously determining whether an antibody population contained in a specimen contains one or more certain antibody species, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-3 and 15-19, without traverse, for further examination.

Applicant includes a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for two month extension and also enclosed is Snell & Wilmer's check no. 292002 in the amount of \$200.00. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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